

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring the preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the question from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe the your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or to provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Removal of Olympic View site from Washington DNR's Aquatic Reserve Designation process
2. **Name of applicant:** Washington State Department of Natural Resources
3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:** WADNR, Aquatic Resources Division, P.O. Box 47027, Olympia, WA 98504-7027. David Palazzi, 360-902-1069
4. **Date checklist prepared:** November 5, 2003
5. **Agency requesting checklist:** Washington State Department of Natural Resources
6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** DNR is proposing to rescind the Olympic View Withdrawal Order which states that the site "...shall be reserved and withdrawn from conflicting uses for an indefinite term from May 24, 2000, until recovery of the Puyallup River salmonid populations ..." and "...should be set aside as an "Environmental Reserve"..." (Signed on May 24, 2000) in December 2003. DNR

will establish and sign a new order withdrawing the Olympic View area from leasing that conflicts with the restoration and conservation goals established for the site. The new withdrawal order will not indicate that the site should be an Aquatic Reserve.

7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.** NO
8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

Olympic View Aquatic Reserve Site Proposal prepared by DNR staff.

9. **Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.** No applications are pending.
10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.** None
11. **Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agency may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

This site is approximately 12.4 acres in size. Of this total size, 0.7 acres are filled tidelands and 11.7 acres of the site are tidelands or bedlands. This action will continue an earlier action to limit future proposed uses for this site to actions consistent with the restoration and conservation goals established for this site. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is recommending that the Olympic View site not be managed as an Environmental Aquatic Reserve. The site will be removed from the list of proposed future aquatic reserve sites, and that a withdrawal order for the site, issued on May 24, 2000, be rescinded. DNR will establish and sign a new order withdrawing the Olympic View area from leasing that conflicts with the restoration and conservation goals established for the site.

12. **Location of proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographical map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any applications related to this checklist.**

That portion of the harbor area fronting and abutting Blocks 29, 30 and 31 of the Amended Supplemental Plat of Tacoma Tide Lands, Sheet 4, approved by the Board of State Land Commissioners October 7, 1902, described as follows: That portion of the harbor area bounded by the inner and outer harbor lines, the easterly line of City (Thea Foss) Waterway and the westerly line of Middle Waterway.

The Olympic View site is a 12.4-acre restoration site located within Commencement Bay on the headland between Thea Foss and Middle Waterways and adjacent to the Puyallup River

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**
 - a. **General description of the site (circle one):** Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountains, other
Marine tidelands and bedlands.
 - b. **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?** The steepest slope at this site likely

approaches 70% over a very short interval where rip-rap armoring currently protects filled uplands.

- c. **What general types of soils (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.** Gravel, silt, sand, mud
- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity?** NO.
- e. **Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**
NA
- f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**
This action does not propose any filling or grading of the site.
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** NA
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:** None proposed.

2. **Air**

- a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from this proposal (i.e. dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.** This action does not propose any activities that will affect emissions to the air.
- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal?** None known
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:** Leasing in the area will be restricted to those uses that are consistent with the clean-up and habitat restoration of the site.

3. **Water**

- a. **Surface:**
 - 1) **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.** Saltwater - The site is within Commencement Bay in the Puget Sound.
 - 2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.** NO
 - 3) **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of the fill material.** None
 - 4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.** NO
 - 5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100 year floodplain?** The proposal includes areas that are either permanently inundated by marine water or inundated during daily tidal cycles.
 - 6) **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the**

type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. NO

b. **Ground:**

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. NA
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. NA

c. **Water Runoff (including storm water):**

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. NA
- 2) Could waste material enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. NO

d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: NA**

4. **Plants**

a. **Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:**

- ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☐ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☐ shrubs
- ☐ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☒ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ other types of vegetation

b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? NONE**

c. **List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.** There are no threatened or endangered plant species found at this site.

d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:**
NA

5. **Animals**

a. **Circle any birds and animals, which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:**

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: Migratory waterfowl
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. **List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.** White River spring-run

Chinook, bald eagle, marbled murrelets, and peregrine falcon.

- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? YES If so, explain.** Migratory route for salmon and waterfowl
- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:** The site is being recommended for a continuation of withdrawal from leasing for uses that conflict with remediation and habitat restoration at the site.

6. **Energy and Natural Resources**

- a. **What kinds of energy (electrical, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.** NA
- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? NO If so, generally describe.**
- c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:** NA

7. **Environmental Health**

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.** NO
 - 1) **Describe any emergency services that might be required.** NA
 - 2) **Propose measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:** NA
- b. **Noise**
 - 1) **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** None known.
 - 2) **What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.**
None
 - 3) **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:** NA

8. **Land and Shoreline Use**

- a. **What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? The site is a Superfund Clean-up and Habitat Restoration Site.** In April 2003, the Coast Guard created a regulated navigation area at this site. This regulated navigation area prohibits activities that would disturb the seabed, such as anchoring, dredging, spudding, laying cable or other disturbance of the bottom. It does not affect transit or navigation of the area. The Olympic View Resource Area Restoration Project occurred within the tideland and bedland portion of this site. This restoration project removed a portion of one building owned by the defunct Puget Sound Plywood Company that extended over state-owned intertidal lands to allow the re-establishment of a productive community of tidal species. In addition, this project capped toxic sediments and restored the shoreline to a natural grade. The adjacent upland area is designated for intense urbanized development
- b. **Has the site been used for agriculture? NO If so, describe.**
- c. **Describe any structures on the site.** The 0.7 acre upland portion of the site is surrounded by rip-rap

bulkheads. There are no other structures located within the Olympic View site.

- d. **Will any structures be demolished? NO if so, what?**
- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?** The Olympic View site lies within the Commencement Bay harbor area. Adjacent zoning is Port Maritime and Industrial
- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?** Port Maritime and Industrial
- g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?** Marine
- h. **Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? NO If so, specify.**
- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?** None
- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?** None
- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:** NA
- l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:** DNR will establish and sign a new Commissioner's order withdrawing the Olympic View area from leasing that conflicts with the restoration and conservation goals established for the site. This action will directly support the vision of the Commencement Bay/Natural Resources Damages Assessment Trustees who have enunciated a vision for restoring the various habitat components of the Commencement Bay ecosystem. This vision places emphasis on baywide restoration through an ecosystem or landscape approach rather than creating isolated fragments of habitats.

9. Housing

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.** None
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** None
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:** NA

10. Aesthetics

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?** NA
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** None
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:** NA

11. Light and Glare

- a. **What kind of light or glare will the proposal produce? None What time of day would it mainly occur?** NA
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?** NA

- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** None known
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:** NA

12. **Recreation**

- a. **What designated and informal recreation opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?** Public access and viewing. Some environmental educational opportunities.
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses?** NO If so, describe.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:** NA

13. **Historic and Cultural Preservation**

- a. **Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site?** None known
- b. **Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.** None known
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:** NA

14. **Transportation**

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans if any.** The site is located at the end of E F Street
- b. **Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?** YES
- c. **How many parking spaces would the completed project have? None How many would the project eliminate?** None
- d. **Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways?** NO
- e. **Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation?**
The project will not use any forms of transportation. It will occur in the immediate vicinity of water and general vicinity of rail transportation.
- f. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.** None
- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:** NA

15. **Public Services**

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)?** NO
- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.** NA

16. **Utilities**

a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.** NA

b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.** NONE

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Review by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____